

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ASCERTAINING CODE SETS
ASSOCIATED WITH REQUESTS AND RESPONSES IN
MULTI-LINGUAL DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENTS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for determining a character set associated with a client request or server response is provided. If the request or response does not specify the character set using the "Content-Type" header, for example, a character set is determined from the locale information. The locale information is mapped to a code set name, which may be contained in a data structure resident on the server. The code set name may be further mapped to a JVM code-set converter.